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COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1687
Global Pathogen Surveillance Act of 2007

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
on June 27, 2007*

S. 1687 would authorize the appropriation of \$40 million in 2008 and \$75 million in 2009 for the following activities:

- Establish a fellowship program that would allow certain foreign nationals to pursue public health education or training in the United States;
- Expand operations at laboratories of the Department of Defense and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that are located in developing countries, and provide assistance to local individuals for training in laboratory techniques related to infectious diseases;
- Provide assistance to developing countries to purchase and maintain public health laboratory equipment and supplies and to purchase communications equipment and technology to effectively collect, analyze, and transmit public health information; and
- Provide assistance to the World Health Organization and establish new training programs in field epidemiology.

Based on historical spending patterns for similar activities, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1687 would cost \$8 million in 2008 and \$108 million over the 2008-2012 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts.

S. 1687 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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